

*Statement of the force of the British squadron.*

Detroit, ship,	19 guns, one on pivot, and two howitzers.
Queen Charlotte, ship,	17 do. do.
Lady Prevost, schooner,	13 do. do.
Hunter, brig,	10 do.
Little Belt, sloop,	3 do.
Chippewa, schooner,	1 do. and two swivels.
	63 guns.

Note.—The Detroit is a new ship, very strongly built, and mounts long twenty-fours, eighteens, and twelves.

*Statement of the force of the United States' squadron.*

Lawrence, brig,	20 guns.
Niagara, brig,	20 do.
Caledonia, brig,	3 do.
Ariel, schooner,	4 do. (one burst early in action.)
Scorpion, schooner,	2 do.
Somers, schooner,	2 do.
Trippe, sloop,	1 do.
Tigress, schooner,	1 do.
Porcupine, schooner,	1 do.
	54 guns.

The exact number of the enemy's force has not been ascertained, but I have good reason to believe that it exceeded ours by nearly one hundred men.

BOSTON, 7th September, 1813.

SIR:

The enclosed letters will give you the information of a brilliant victory gained by the United States' brig Enterprise over His Britannic Majesty's brig Boxer, of considerable superiority of force. Nothing that I can say would add to the lustre of the gallant action, which so decidedly speaks for itself. But I cannot restrain my deep regret for the loss of so valuable an officer as the brave Lieutenant Burrows.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

WM. BAINBRIDGE.

Honorable WILLIAM JONES, *Secretary of the Navy, Washington.*

PORTLAND, 7th September, 1813.

SIR:

I had the honor last evening to forward you by express, through the hands of Commodore Bainbridge, a letter received from Samuel Storer, Esq. Navy Agent at this place, detailing an account of the capture of the British brig Boxer by the United States' brig Enterprise.

I now have to inform you that I left Portsmouth this morning, and have this moment arrived here, and as the mail is closing, I have only time to enclose you the report of Lieutenant McCall of the Enterprise, and to assure you that a statement of the two vessels, as to the damage they have received, &c. shall be forwarded as soon as surveys can be made; the Boxer has received much damage in her hull, masts, and sails; indeed it was with difficulty that she could be kept afloat to get her in. The Enterprise is only injured in her masts and sails.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

ISAAC HULL.

The Honorable WILLIAM JONES, *Secretary of the Navy.*

UNITED STATES BRIG ENTERPRISE, PORTLAND, 7th September, 1813.

SIR:

In consequence of the unfortunate death of Lieutenant Commandant William Burrows, late commander of this vessel, it devolves on me to acquaint you with the result of our cruise.

After sailing from Portsmouth on the 1st instant, we steered to the eastward, and on the morning of the 3d, off Wood Island, discovered a schooner, which we chased into this harbor, where we anchored.

On the morning of the 4th, weighed anchor, and swept out and continued our course to the eastward. Having received information of several privateers being off Monhegan, we stood for that place; and on the following morning, in the bay near Pemequid Point, discovered a brig getting under way, which appeared to be a vessel of war, and to which we immediately gave chase. She fired several guns and stood for us, having four ensigns hoisted. After reconnoitring and discovering her force, and the nation to which she belonged, we hauled upon a wind to stand out of the bay, and at 3 o'clock shortened sail, tacked, and ran down with an intention to bring her to close action.

At twenty minutes after 3, P. M. when within half pistol shot, the firing commenced from both, and after being warmly kept up, and with some manœuvring, the enemy hailed, and said they had surrendered, about 4 P. M. Their colors being nailed to the masts could not be hauled down. She proved to be His Britannic Majesty's late brig Boxer, of fourteen guns, Samuel Blythe, Esq. commander, who fell in the early part of the engagement, having received a cannon shot through the body. And I am sorry to add that Lieutenant Burrows, who had gallantly led us to action, fell also about the same time, by a musket ball which terminated his existence in eight hours.

The Enterprise suffered much in spars and rigging, and the Boxer, both in spars, rigging, and hull, having many shot between wind and water.

It would be doing injustice to the merit of Mr. Tillinghast, second Lieutenant, were I not to mention the able assistance I received from him during the remainder of the engagement, by his strict attention to his own division and other departments. And the officers and crew, generally, I am happy to add, from their cool and determined conduct, have my warmest approbation and applause.

As no muster roll that can be fully relied on has come into my possession, I cannot exactly state the number killed on board the Boxer; but from information received from the officers of that vessel, it appears there were between twenty and thirty-five killed, and fourteen wounded. Enclosed is a list of the killed and wounded on board the Enterprise.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD R. McCALL, *Senior Officer.*

ISAAC HULL, Esq. *Commanding Naval Officer on the Eastern station, Portland.*